

# URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORTS

## for the Year 1957

of the

## Medical Officer of Health

and

# Public Health Inspector





St. David's,  
Presteigne.

## **Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1957.**

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban  
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report upon the  
Health of the Urban District for 1957.

I have great pleasure in welcoming the new Public  
Health Inspector, Mr. Lee, who will be of the greatest  
assistance to us all.

1957 was marked by two incidents—the Asian  
influenza epidemic in the autumn and the start of the  
anterior polio-myelitis vaccination campaign. There  
were a large number of cases of influenza in the district  
and although there were five cases of secondary  
pneumonia there were fortunately no deaths.

The polio-myelitis vaccination campaign met with  
good response and a total of 173 persons were vaccinated.

There was some initial holdups due to supply  
difficulties, but these have now been overcome and there  
is ample vaccine available. It is hoped that the age  
limit will soon be increased.

I have to thank the Clerk and the Public Health  
Inspector for their help and co-operation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID WALKER,  
Medical Officer of Health.

## Staff.

Medical Officer of Health.	David Walker, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Public Health Inspector.	G. V. R. Lee, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Clerk of the Council	Cecil Sellers

## Section A.

### STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS of the AREA.

		1956	1957
Area (in acres)	... ..	2718	2718
Population	... ..	1260	1260
Number of inhabited houses	... ..	490	490
Rateable value of the area	... ..	£4,512	£10,037
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	... ..	£17	£40

### EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	1956			1957		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Live births (legitimate)	10	7	17	8	8	16
(illegitimate)	—	1	1	—	—	—
Still births (legitimate)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths (all causes)	10	12	22	10	10	20
Deaths of infants under 1 year	—	—	—	—	2	2
Infantile mortality rate	0·0			125·0		
Birth rate (per 1,000 of Population)	14·2			12·7		
Still birth rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	0·0			0·0		
Death rate (per 1,000 of Population)	17·5			15·8		

# CAUSES OF DEATH.

	1956			1957		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	1	1	—	—	—
Syphilitic Diseases	1	—	1	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1	2	—	—	—
„ „ lung, bronchus	—	1	1	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	—	1	—	3	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	2	3	1	1	2
Coronary Disease, Angina	1	—	1	1	—	1
Other Heart Disease	—	2	2	1	3	4
Other circulatory Disease	1	—	1	1	—	1
Pneumonia	—	1	1	2	—	2
Bronchitis	1	—	1	1	—	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	2	—	—	—
Other defined or ill defined diseases	1	2	3	2	2	4
Motor vehicle accident	1	—	1	1	—	1
All other accidents	—	1	1	—	1	1
Total—All Causes	10	12	22	10	10	20

## VACCINATIONS and IMMUNISATIONS.

	1956	1957
Diphtheria Immunisation	25	16
WhoopingCough Inoculation	14	12
Vaccination	20	16
Poliomyelitis Vaccination	—	173

## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 1957 twenty-eight cases of infectious and other notifiable disease occurred; they were :

Whooping Cough	4
Measles	24

### **Section B.**

#### GENERAL PROVISION of HEALTH SERVICES for THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Public Health Laboratory in Hereford provides the necessary facilities for the area. Special facilities are available at a private Laboratory in Gloucester.

CLINICS. The County Council hold the Child Welfare Clinic on the first Tuesday in each month at the Memorial Hall. This is very well attended.

# **Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1957.**

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban  
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my first Annual Report upon the work carried out and falling within my scope during 1957.

Taking up office midway (1st July, 1957) through the year under review, and after a period of some two or three years during which your Council had been without a Public Health Inspector, I naturally concentrated first on those matters which had, of necessity, been completely ignored during those years. The most important of these it seemed to me, were items relating to meat and foods inspections and, as will be seen later in the report, every effort is made to achieve 100 per cent inspection of the meat slaughtered in the town.

My arrival co-incided with new legislation in the form of the Rent Act, 1957, and this caused a quite disproportionate amount of my time to be spent on Housing Inspections during the first two or three months after I took up my duties.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their consideration, to express my thanks to Dr. Walker, and to your Clerk, Mr. Sellers, for their help and co-operation, guidance which is always particularly appreciated when taking up a new appointment

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. V. R. LEE,

Public Health Inspector.

October, 1958.

# SUMMARY OF GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Total Inspections	536
Number of Complaints received	35
Informal Notices served	37
Informhl Notices complied	30
Notices outstanding	7

## ROUTINE INSPECTIONS MADE.

Meat and Food	63
Meat Shops	20
Slaughterhouses	20
Housing—Primary	63
—Re-Inspections	196
Water Supply	18
Drainage	78
Cleansing	12
Rodent Control	3
Verminous Premises	8
Moveable Dwelling	1
Dairy	5
Bakehouse	1
Smoke	5
Accumulations	13
Food Premises	3
Shops	4
Ice Cream	3
Factory (No Mech. Power)	1
Miscellaneous	19
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## MEAT and FOOD INSPECTION.

A total of 115 visits were made in connection with the inspection of meat and other foods.

### MEAT INSPECTION.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in your area. The following table gives the number of animals slaughtered during the last six months of the year and percentages affected with disease.



# CARCASSES and OFFAL INSPECTED and CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART†

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	58	—	—	234	23	—
Number inspected	58	—	—	234	23	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5	—	—	10	1	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affect- ed with disease other than tubercul- osis or cysticerci	8·6	—	—	4·3	4·3	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affect- ed with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

† 1.7.57 to 31.12.57 only.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948.

Opportunity did not arise during the latter part of the year for a detailed inspection of the factories in the area. It is hoped to do this during 1958.



